

Fishing Rule Change

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Halibut fishing to close in all of Marine Area 2

Action: Close the recreational halibut fishery in Marine Area 2 (Westport-Ocean Shores), including the northern nearshore area from the Queets River (47°31.70'N. latitude) south to Point Chehalis (46°58.00'N. latitude) and east of a line approximating the 30 fathom depth contour as defined by the following coordinates until further notice.

- 47 ° 31.70 N. lat, 124 ° 37.03 W. long
- 47 ° 25.67 N. lat, 124 ° 34.79 W. long
- 47 ° 12.82 N. lat, 124 ° 29.12 W. long
- 46 ° 58.00 N. lat, 124 ° 24.24 W. long

Effective date: May 20, 2013

Species affected: Pacific halibut

Location: Marine Area 2

Reason for action: The Marine Area 2 recreational halibut fishery is projected to have taken the Pacific halibut quota for the primary season and the northern nearshore area by the end of the day May 19, 2013. This rule conforms to federal action taken by the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) and the International Pacific Halibut Commission (IPHC).

Additional Information: Recreational halibut fishing remains open in other coastal and Puget Sound areas.

Marine Areas 3 and 4 (La Push and Neah Bay): Open for recreational halibut fishing Thursday May 16 and Saturday May 18, and closed May 23 and 25th. Additional openings will be announced if there is enough quota remaining for another day.

Marine Area 1 (Ilwaco): Open Fridays through Sundays until further notice.

Marine Areas 6-10 (Eastern Puget Sound): Open May 16-18, Thursday through Saturday; May 23-26, Thursday through Sunday; and May 30 and 31, Thursday and Friday.

Marine Area 5 (Western Puget Sound): Open May 23-26, Thursday through Sunday; May 30-June 1, Thursday through Saturday; and Saturday June 8.

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Fishers must have a current Washington fishing license. Check the WDFW "Fishing in Washington" rules pamphlet for details on fishing seasons and regulations. Fishing regulations are subject to change. Call the WDFW Fishing hotline for the latest rule information at (360) 902-2500, press 2 for recreational rules or check the WDFW webpage at <http://wdfw.wa.gov/fish/regs/fishregs.htm> for details on fishing seasons and regulations. For the Shellfish Rule Change hotline call (360) 796-3215 or toll free 1-866-880-5431.